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Dear Sir:

- I, Steven John Cowey, hereby declare as follows:
- 1 That my address is: 24 Ninth Street, Wingfield 5013, South Australia, Australia
- 2. That I am the sole inventor of the subject application.
- 3. That the subject application was filed with the U.S.P.T.O. on <u>June 22, 2005</u>, and presently claims priority back to and to PCT Application No. <u>PCT/AU2003/01204</u>, filed <u>September 15, 2003</u>.
- 4. I am also familiar with a certain <u>Australian Design Patent AU 3125/02</u>, on which I am also the sole inventor, and which was filed on <u>October 10, 2002</u>, and which was officially published on <u>January 16, 2003</u> in the Australian Journal of Designs.
- 5. That the invention described and claimed in the present application was conceived by me prior to the effective date of the cited <u>Australian Design Patent AU 3125/02</u>,

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and particularly prior to the date of publishing in the Australian Journal of Designs of January 16, 2003.

- 6. That the Australian Design Patent AU 3125/02, is therefore not suitable as a reference for either anticipation or obviousness.
- 7. I further hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statement made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code; and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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